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International Civilian Support Mission in Haiti

The General Assembly,

Recalling all its relevant resolutions, in particular its resolution 53/95 of 8 December 1998 on the situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti,

Taking note of Security Council resolution 1212 (1998) of 25 November 1998, in which the Council decided to extend the mandate of the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti until 30 November 1999 and, in particular, paragraph 11, in which the Secretary-General was requested to make recommendations on a viable transition to other forms of international assistance,

Having considered the report presented by the ad hoc Advisory Group on Haiti to the Economic and Social Council[1] and the recommendations contained therein, and noting with satisfaction the contribution made by the Economic and Social Council,

Welcoming Economic and Social Council resolution E/1999/11 of 27 July 1999, in which the Economic and Social Council, *inter alia,* emphasized the need to establish the necessary mechanisms to develop on a priority basis a long-term strategy and programme of support for Haiti,

Taking note of the relevant resolutions adopted on the question by the Organization of American States, commending the contribution of the Organization to the International

[1] E/1999/103.

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Civilian Mission in Haiti, and inviting the Organization to pursue its cooperation with the United Nations in Haiti,

Taking into account the recommendations of the Secretary-General contained in his reports on the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti to the Security Council[2] and in his reports to the General Assembly on the International Civilian Mission in Haiti[3] and on the needs assessment mission,[4]

Recognizing the efforts made by the Secretary-General, his representatives, the Organization of American States and its Secretary-General and the group of Friends of the Secretary-General on Haiti, and their constant support and contribution to the continuing consolidation of the political, economic and social institutions in Haiti, and supporting fully the efforts already undertaken by the Civilian Mission and the Civilian Police Mission, as well as those by individual Member States,

Encouraged by the efforts made by the people and the Government of Haiti to consolidate democracy and to improve respect for human rights and the rule of law,

Recognizing that the people and the Government of Haiti bear the ultimate responsibility for the reconstruction of their country, in particular for national reconciliation and the maintenance of a secure and stable environment, and taking note of the plan of action developed by the Haitian Government, in particular for the administration of justice,

Taking note of the request of 8 November 1999 from the President of Haiti to the Secretary-General,[5]

1. *Affirms* the will of the United Nations to continue to accompany Haiti in its democratic, economic and social development, in particular during the next crucial period;

2. *Decides*, at the request of the President of Haiti, to establish the International Civilian Support Mission in Haiti to consolidate the results achieved by the International Civilian Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti and previous United Nations missions;

3. *Decides* that the initial mandate of the International Civilian Support Mission in Haiti will begin at the closing of the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti and continue until 6 February 2001 and that the mandate of the International Civilian Mission in Haiti will continue until the commencement of the International Civilian Support Mission in Haiti;

4. *Also decides* that the personnel and goods of the International Civilian Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti will be transferred to the International Civilian Support Mission in Haiti, as needed;

5. *Further decides*, pursuant to the request of the Government of Haiti, that the Mission shall have, in accordance with the recommendations of the Secretary-General, the following mandate:

(a) To support the democratization process and assist the Haitian authorities with the development of democratic institutions;

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[2] S/1999/1908 and S/1999/1184.

[3] A/54/625.

[4] A/54/629.

[5] Ibid., appendix.

(b) To assist the Haitian authorities in the reform and the strengthening of the Haitian system of justice, including its penal institutions, and to promote the Office of the Ombudsman;

(c) To support the efforts of the Government of Haiti to professionalize the Haitian National Police through a special training and technical assistance programme and help the Government to coordinate bilateral and multilateral aid in this area;

(d) To support the efforts of the Government of Haiti aimed at the full observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(e) To provide technical assistance for the organization of democratic elections and to collaborate with the Government of Haiti in the coordination of bilateral and multilateral assistance;

6. *Underlines* the importance of full coordination and transparency, including among multilateral and bilateral contributors, and, in this regard, decides that the Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the Mission will have overall authority over all United Nations activities in Haiti and, as appropriate, act as the focal point for coordinating the activities of the international community and facilitating its continuing dialogue with key political and social actors in Haiti, assisted by a committee of representatives of police contributors and international donors and in close liaison with the Government of Haiti;

7. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Economic and Social Council contained in its resolution E/1999/11 of 27 July 1999, *inter alia,* its request that the Secretary-General take the necessary steps, in agreement with the Government of Haiti, and making use of the appropriate United Nations presence there, to develop on a priority basis a long-term strategy and programme of support for Haiti;

8. *Recommends* that the United Nations Resident Coordinator continue to be the Deputy to the Representative of the Secretary-General, that continued use be made of the resident coordinator system, including completion of a Common Country Assessment, and that preparations be made for the United Nations Development Assistance Framework in order to contribute to the establishment of an effective development programme involving all relevant organizations in the United Nations system;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to coordinate with the Government of Haiti and interested Member States on modalities to ensure support from the international community for the electoral processes under way in Haiti, and, in this regard, requests the United Nations Development Programme to continue its work relating to support of the Haitian electoral processes;

10. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to utilize the amounts allocated in the regular budget for the International Civilian Mission in Haiti, under its current mandate, for activities undertaken by the International Civilian Support Mission in Haiti;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish a trust fund for this Mission, and invites Member States to make voluntary contributions, which will cover additional costs for the implementation of its mandate;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the Mission to the General Assembly every four months;

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session an item entitled "The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti".